

[25th August 1925]

*Appointment of a member of the depressed classes to the Dindigul municipality.*

\* 376 Q.—Mr. R. VEERIAN: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether there is any candidate belonging to the depressed classes who has been appointed by the Government to the Dindigul municipality; if so, what is his name?

A.—M.R.Ry. Yesu Sebastian Avargal was appointed to represent the depressed classes.

Mr. C. RAMALINGA REDDI:—“May I know, Sir, if Indian Christians are included in the depressed classes?”

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL:—“If they are depressed.” (Laughter.)

Mr. C. RAMALINGA REDDI:—“My point was whether Indian Christians can represent the depressed classes?”

Mr. M. RATNASWAMI:—“Are not Christian converts from the depressed classes treated as depressed classes?”

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL:—“They are also treated as depressed classes.”

*Election to Tiruvallur Taluk Board.*

\* 377 Q.—Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any memorial from some of the members of the taluk board, Tiruvallur, regarding election of members to the district board of Chingleput; and

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to take any action?

A.—(a) The answer is in the affirmative.

(b) The Government have called for a report from the president of the taluk board.

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTIYAR:—“Do Government think it advisable to interfere in the matter of these elections whatever may be the technical errors regarding them?”

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL:—“Sir, the Government thought that it was necessary to call for a report.”

Mr. C. RAMALINGA REDDI:—“Have not the aggrieved parties access to the courts?”

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL:—“They may have.”

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTIYAR:—“Do Government intend to supersede the authority of the courts in this matter?”

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL:—“It is not the intention of Government to supersede the authority of the courts.”

Mr. C. RAMALINGA REDDI:—“Suppose a suit is filed, will the Government stay their orders till the decision of the court is given?”

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL:—“Not necessarily; if the Government think that the court's order is inconsistent, then they will consider it.”